REMARKS

The applicant has elected the group 1 invention in response to the restriction requirement. Claims 44-60 and 62-70 have been canceled without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in one or more divisional applications.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

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